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Mr. Bowser had been reading for
an hour the other evening when he
laid aside his paper and said to Mrs.
Bowser, who sat near him sewing:
"I was just wondering what men
do who have no homes, and how
many of those who have homes ap-
preciate them as I do mine."
"I am glad to know you are satis-
fied with your home," replied Mrs.
Bowser.

"Of course I'm satisfied—why
shouldn't I be? I don't believe
there's a house in the state better
kept than this. It is always spot-
less clean, nothing is wasted, and
your bump of order is something re-
markable."

"I'm awfully glad to hear you say
so," replied Mrs. Bowser, as her face
lighted up. "I try to do my best, but
there are times when—when—"

"When I'm a regular old crank,"
he finished, with a laugh. "Well,
don't let that worry you. No mat-
ter how big a crank I am, you are
duly appreciated. It's funny what
notions a man gets into his head,
isn't it?"

"Yes," she reluctantly replied,
fully realizing that he was treading
on dangerous ground.

"Hal hal hal do you remember
how I tried to put down that bed-
room carpet to save fifty cents?
That was one of my cranky notions.
And don't you remember how I tried
to clean house—hal hal hal!"

"But we got along all right," said
Mrs. Bowser, wondering how she
could lead the conversation to some
other subject.

"Of course we do, though there
are times when I ought to be kicked
for my foolishness. On the street
car the other day I got to thinking
about my buying that fire escape,
and I laughed till everybody looked
at me. Wasn't that a daisy—that
fire escape—hal hal hal!"

"Any news in the evening paper?"
she queried, as he held his sides and
gurgled.

"Nothing to speak of. And don't
you remember my taking a fit to
sleep in a hammock on the roof, and
how one of the ropes broke one night
and—hal hal hal! If some of these
funny men could get hold of my ad-
ventures what a lecture they could
make! Have you forgotten when I
took a dose of that dandruff-remed-
iator for spring tonic—hal hal hal!"

"That was funny, indeed!" laughed
Mrs. Bowser, in spite of her fears.

"Funny! It was daisy-gone funny!
And the time I had the gripe and
thought I was going to die—hal hal
hal! I expect I'm the boss crank of
America, and you deserve a pension
for bearing with me so patiently.
Do you recall the day I came home
and jawed around about the set of
my collar, and you discovered that I
had been wearing my night-shirt all
day—hal hal hal! It's a wonder
that you have stood it with me as
long as you have."

"You've had a good many whims
and notions, but I hope you'll reform
in that direction. I expect you've
thrown away three thousand dollars
since we were married in indulging
in your oddities."

"How thrown away?" sharply
queried Mr. Bowser, as he instantly
sobored up.

"Why, you've paid as high as three
hundred dollars for a horse not worth
fifty dollars; you've bought pigs at
a high price which you had to give
away; you've bought hens at two
dollars apiece which never laid an
egg, and—"

"Are you talking to me, Mrs.
Bowser?" he demanded, as he rose
up and stood before her.

"Why, yes," she replied. "We
were having a good-natured talk
about some of the foolish things you
have done, and I—"

"What foolish things have I
done! Just name one single thing,
will you?"

"Didn't you pay three hundred
dollars for a horse which ran away
and smashed everything and nearly
killed us both the first time you
drove him?" she timidly asked.

"I bought a horse for three hun-
dred dollars. He was a beautiful
animal and as gentle as a child.
You opposed his purchase, and to
carry out your fell designs you
went out to the barn in my absence
and drove tacks into him, and
pounded him with the snow shovel,
and otherwise abused him until he
was frightened to death."

"Why, Mr. Bowser!"

"Don't 'why' me, Mr. Bowser, me!
You have charged me with throwing
away thousands of dollars foolishly.
I am either a sensible man or a fool.
Give me an instance of my wasteful
extravagance."

"I—I don't think you wastefully
extravagant. You simply do odd
things and have cranky notions."

"I do odd things, do I? Just men-
tion one instance, will you? I have
cranky notions, have I? Just specify
one of those cranky notions!"

"Wasn't it odd about your wear-
ing your night shirt around all
day?"

"No, ma'am, it wasn't—not when
the circumstances are considered.
It was simply a put-up job on your
part, and I won't forget it if I live
to be a thousand years old! Now,
about being cranky. When have you
discovered any evidence that I
was a crank?"

"Wasn't that fire escape a cranky
idea?" she hesitatingly queried.

"Not a bit of it—not the slightest!
It was just such a purchase as any
sensible man would make, and the
only reason it is now in the garret
is because you cut the ropes and
straps to pieces to display your
spite. Mrs. Bowser, you have ac-
complished your object!"

"What object?"

"When you saw me taking com-
fort in my own home you made up
your mind to spoil my evening. You

have done so. I was never better
natured in my life. I set out to
laugh and have a good time, and you
maliciously and villainously turned
the conversation into a channel to
vex and degrade me. I hope you
feel better!"

Despite her years of married life,
Mrs. Bowser had made the mistake
of specifying her husband's faults to
his face, even though he volun-
tarily brought the matter up and
confessed them one by one, and she
now decided that silence was her
safest refuge.

"Right here in my own house and
by my own wife I have been called
notorious, whimsical and cranky!" ex-
claimed Mr. Bowser, as he walked
up and down.

Mrs. Bowser plied her needle and
made no reply.

"I have thrown away millions of
dollars—I have acted the fool—I am
an object of ridicule!"

Mrs. Bowser continued her work
and maintained silence.

"In my good nature I partially
admitted that I bought a hammock
for two dollars which was well worth
four dollars, and what do you do but
go on to me and charge me with
being the biggest fool in America!
That's just the way with all wives;
give 'em the slightest latitude and
they will try to walk right over the
husband. Mrs. Bowser!"

Mrs. Bowser held her needle sus-
pended in her hand and looked up.

"No wife can be happy with a fool
of a husband! For the next two
hours I shall be busy in the library
arranging papers for the lawyers to
see to-morrow! We will try and
avoid scandal, and I shall allow you
enough to live on comfortably until
you find another husband—one who
has no faults! If anyone calls say
that I am not at home. Woman,
good night!"—Detroit Free Press.

SLEDGE-DRIVERS.
The Ply Their Nefarious Trade in the
British Capital.

Some extraordinary revelations of
the doings of German swindlers in
London are made in a book entitled
"Knights of Industry." The volume
consists of articles reprinted from
the Cologne People's Gazette, and
the author, himself a victim, sup-
ports his sensational assertions by
incontrovertible proofs, and, in
many cases, by reference to police-
court convictions. These Teutonic
swindlers, it seems, are known as
"sledge-drivers," and their frauds
are conducted on the very simplest
of methods. Every penniless vagrant
who comes to London from the
fatherland, generally after the land
of his birth becomes too hot to hold
him, sets up with a garret for office
as an "agent," and, with the aid of
glowing circulars, induces easy-goi-
ng German manufacturers, anxious
to establish a trade with London, to
forward all sorts of goods, which are
either sold on arrival or exported to
India or Africa, and, needless to
say, never paid for. These "sledge-
drivers" disdain nothing, and will
readily accept from confiding com-
patriots consignments of trouser-
buttons, glass-eyes, sausages, live
sheep, timber or organs, for all of
which they find a market. Of course,
this is a game that could not be
played more than once or twice with-
out the least unsuspecting of
tradesmen, but with the assistance
of bogus inquiry agents the
"drivers" seem always to find fresh
victims, and very frequently de-
fraud the same dealer repeatedly
under different names. Not the least
remarkable statement in the book is
that twice a year the rogues hold an
"international congress," at which
the leaders "decide upon their com-
mon action for the coming season."

From time to time, too, they visit
Germany in order to get connections,
and, says the writer, "their honest
men, their manners and appear-
ance, their liberality in spending
money on good dinners and cham-
pagne, dazzle their chosen victims,
who do not awake from their trance
until they are taught by a heavy
loss that their amiable visitor and
new customer, the partner of that
leading London firm, was nothing
more or less than a German sledge-
driver."

Whenever a druggist tells you he
has something just good for coughs,
grip, etc., as Dr. Bell's Pine Tar
Honey, don't you believe it, for we guar-
antee that it is not true. We make
the genuine and authorize all drug-
gists to guarantee it. The B. B.
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ship named for her, but she wants the
largest one of the whole fleet and she
bases her claim upon services rendered
to the United States the honor be-
cause the first battle under the Ameri-
can flag was fought on Delaware soil;
because the vote of Caesar Rodney
made possible the Declaration of In-
dependence, and because Delaware
was the first State to adopt the Con-
stitution of the United States. If
these arguments are not considered
sufficient Delaware can search her re-
cord a little and find some other re-
asons."

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Had She Known the Visitor
It Would Have Been
Different.

There was evidently something on
his mind, for he did not even notice
the coffee was cold and that the cook
and housemaid were quarrelling sub-
sily in the kitchen.

"It can't be the dressmaker's bill,"
mused his wife, "for she has only
sent it to me twice as yet; it will only
go to his office as a last resort. Any-
how, if it is anything unpleasant
he'll speak of it soon enough," and
she poured herself another cup of tea,
which was hot.

At last he spoke: "By the way,
my dear, it seems rather dreary for
you alone all day in this large house.
How should you like a visitor this
winter?"

"Whatever put such an idea into
your head, Henry Marshall? I'm
sure I have no time to spend in
inventing amusements for a girl who
would make me a stranger in my own
parlor. To be sure Amy is engaged,
and by coughing every time I come
into the room—but then I've made all
those lovely new sofa pillows; I can't
have them ruined. Then there's the
fire—look here, Henry, had you any
one in particular in your mind?"

Mr. Marshall looked alarmed.

"Not at all, I assure you; that is,
I mean—the lady I had in mind is
quite middle-aged—elderly, in fact."

Mrs. Marshall stiffened. "It
is quite impossible. In the first place,
the guest chamber is not fit to be seen,
and anyhow, I don't want anybody
to sleep in that lovely bed; it would
spoil the set of pillows. Besides, I
shall be too busy to take anybody
around this winter; the house takes
up all my time."

"But what I was thinking was that
you might be glad of a little help in
your housekeeping."

"That is just where you are mis-
taken, Henry Marshall; when I want
any interference in my domestic
affairs I'll let you know. O, yes, I
know just how much she would en-
joy putting a finger into my pie!"

"You quite surprise me, dear; still,
you must know her better than I."

"That is the first time since our
marriage that you have shown any
appreciation of my judgment. I'm
glad you've learned its value at last."

"O, well, I only thought to give
you pleasure."

"Great pleasure, I'm sure. I only
hope you haven't already invited her.
If you have, I give you fair warning
I shall just expose myself to smug-
ling, and have the house quarantined,
so she can't come."

"Of course I haven't asked her. I
thought I'd just suggest it, lest you
didn't like to, and you'd enjoy ask-
ing her yourself."

"And enjoy hearing all winter how
she brought up fifteen children with-
out even a sealskin jacket or a pair of
bloomers."

"Really, I was not aware that you
—"

"Of course you were not aware of
anything. Well, I'll not have any
company this winter, that's flat. I'm
going to fit up the guest chamber as
a private gymnasium and I'll have
no room for any one."

"Very well, then, that settles it;
we'll say no more about it. I wasn't
overanxious for it myself." He was
struggling with his coat as he spoke.

"I only thought you would like a
nice long visit from your mother, so
I—"

"My own mother! Why, I—I
thought all this time you meant your
mother! O, Henry, I—"

But the street door had closed and
she could hear him whistling joyous-
ly as he went down the street.

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dies or the big men want something
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pation and biliousness, Dr. Bell's
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